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BIO DIESEL PLANT IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether first bio-diesel plant is all set to start its production in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether all the production would be exported and not available for local consumption;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the performance of bio-diesel is not as good as gasoline; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURALI DEORA)

(a) to (d) : Bio-diesel production has started in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttrakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and other States on a small scale. No data is maintained by Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas on the export of bio-diesel.

(e) & (f) Bio-diesel has got distinct use as compared to gasoline. It is a replacement of diesel fuel and has equivalent properties as compared to conventional diesel. However, it can not be used in spark ignition engine as gasoline.